Alberta Finance
Economic Bulletin

ECONOMIC STATISTICS RELEASED DURING THE WEEK OF APRIL 17, 2001 TO APRIL 20, 2001

	Reference Period	Month/Previous Month (m/m)	Month/Previous Year's Month (y/y)	Comments
New Motor Vehicle Sales	February			Between January and February, Canadian new motor vehicle sales declined 4.0%, after increases in three previous months. Sales declined in both trucks and passenger cars. All provinces, with the exception of Saskatchewan experienced a decline in sales from the previous month with Prince Edward Island (-18.9%), Nova Scotia (-12.9%) and Newfoundland (-8.8%) experiencing the largest decreases. Saskatchewan experienced a 0.3% increase. Alberta sales fell 6.2%, the fifth largest decline.
Alberta	14,407	-6.2%	-4.4%	
Canada	125,615	-4.0%	-9.8%	
Manufacturing Shipments ($millions)	February			On a month-over-month basis, manufacturing shipments decreased in Canada by 3.6%, led by substantial decreases in computer and electronic products, motor vehicles and petroleum and coal products. Shipments increased in Prince Edward Island (3.1%) and Newfoundland (1.3%), while all the other provinces experienced declines, with New Brunswick (-4.9%), Manitoba (-4.9%) and Quebec (-4.4%) having the largest decreases.
Alberta	3,782	-2.0%	8.0%	
Canada	43,266	-3.6%	9.0%	
Consumer Price Index	March			Alberta's CPI increase of 2.5% from March 2000 was the fifth highest among provinces, after Ontario (3.2%), Manitoba (2.8%), Prince Edward Island (2.7%) and Saskatchewan (2.6%). The CPI for Canada increased 0.3% in March, and 2.5% from the same month in 2000. The core inflation index (excluding food and energy) was up 0.1% from February, and up 1.7% from March 2000.
Alberta	118.7	-0.1%	2.5%	
Canada	115.6	0.3%	2.5%	